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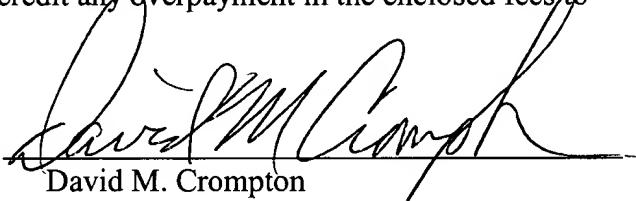
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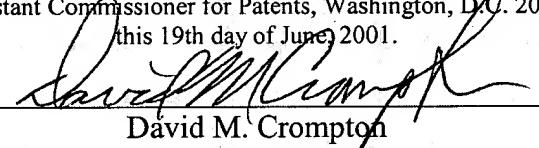
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2001, please consider the following response:

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated May 22, 2001. The Office Action stated that three distinct species had been identified. Election of species was requested. Applicants elect species I without traverse. Species I corresponds to Figures 1, 2, 2a and 3. Claims 1-8 and 10-20 correspond to Species I.

Further, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's assertion at page 2 of the Restriction Requirement that currently no claim is generic. At least independent claims 1, 3, 12

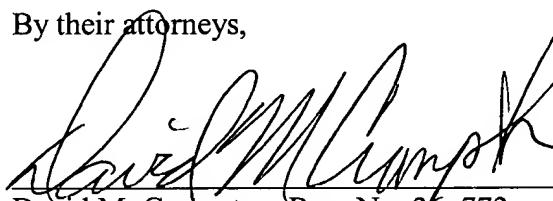
and 15, along with dependent claims 2, 4-7, 11, 13-14 and 17-20 recite elements that are common to all asserted patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's assertion that no claims are generic be withdrawn.

Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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By their attorneys,

  
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